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**1 — EPA ‘absolutely, deeply sorry’ for mine spill, Albuquerque Journal, 8/12/2015**

<http://www.abqjournal.com/627002>

The top U.S. Environmental Protection Agency official apologized Tuesday on behalf of her department for spilling 3 million gallons of mining sludge that fouled the Animas and San Juan rivers, saying the spill “pains me to no end.”

**2 — Clear water no comfort to farmers, Albuquerque Journal, 8/12/2015**

<http://www.abqjournal.com/627008/news/clear-water-no-comfort-to-farmers.html>

The waters of the Animas and San Juan rivers are flowing clean and clear in San Juan County now. There is no sign of the bright yellow and orange that stained the river around here just a few days ago.

**3 – Corps of Engineers Offers No Clear Solution For Dioxin Dump, My Fox Houston, 8/12/2015**

<http://www.myfoxhouston.com/story/29763960/corps-of-engineers-offers-no-clear-solution-for-dioxin-dump>

The numbers are daunting - 17,000 truckloads of cancer causing Dioxin waste buried on 14 acres of frequently submerged San Jacinto River Shoreline very near to where the water flows into Galveston Bay.

**4 — New Orleans' future depends on coastal restoration, but where's the money?, New Orleans Times-Picayune, 8/11/2015**

[http://www.nola.com/futureofneworleans/2015/08/coastal\\_restoration\\_where's\\_the.html#incart\\_most\\_shared-](http://www.nola.com/futureofneworleans/2015/08/coastal_restoration_where's_the.html#incart_most_shared-)

## environment

The finalists among the slogan contest run by the Dirty Coast clothing store to commemorate Hurricane Katrina's anniversary sum up the hopes of many South Louisiana residents: "Keep Land in Our Wetlands," "Save the Boot," "The World Needs More Louisiana," "Let The River Run Through It," "Greaux the Delta, Greaux Our Home."

### **5 — Report: More protective measures recommended to protect New Orleans from strong storms, Baton Rouge Advocate, 8/12/2015**

<http://theadvocate.com/news/13152202-123/report-more-protective-measures-recommended>

Marsh and oyster reef restoration near the now-closed Mississippi River Gulf Outlet along with improved methods of removing storm water from inside the New Orleans levee system could enhance storm-protection work already done since Hurricane Katrina, according to a new report released Tuesday.

### **6 — Deregulated Electricity a Mixed Bag for Consumers, Texas Tribune, 8/12/2015**

<https://www.texastribune.org/2015/08/12/report-deregulated-electric-utilities-narrowing-pr/>

More than a decade ago, Texas lawmakers set the state's power market free. Longstanding rules limiting who sold electricity to whom — and how much they charged for it — were cast aside so private companies could compete for business and supposedly push down prices for consumers across the state. So did it work?

### **7 – Despite records in heat wave, Texas power grid holds steady, Dallas Morning News, 8/10/2015**

<http://bizbeatblog.dallasnews.com/2015/08/despite-records-in-heat-wave-texas-power-grid-holds-steady.html/>

When Texas gets into a sustained heat wave, we all know the drill. Turn on the mist-blowing fans and hide out in air-conditioned movie theaters. If the temperature gauge creeps too far above 100 degrees, the state's grid operator will warn it's time for people to ease off their air conditioners and turn off their dishwashers.

### **8 — DHH: Chlorine levels still too low to kill deadly amoeba found in Ascension water**

**district, Baton Rouge Advocate, 8/12/2015**

<http://theadvocate.com/news/13153365-123/dhh-chlorine-levels-still-too>

An Ascension Parish water system where a brain-eating amoeba was found last month has not maintained a high enough level of chlorine aimed at ensuring the deadly organism is eliminated, Louisiana's state health officer said Tuesday.

**9 — Editorial: NM gets another mess, and sound bites, from DC, Albuquerque Journal, 8/12/2015**

<http://www.abqjournal.com/626973/opinion/nm-gets-another-mess-and-sound-bites-from-dc.html>

An estimated \$100 million cleanup has finally started pulling contamination from the underground fuel spill on Kirtland Air Force Base. The state recently received a \$73.25 million settlement from the federal government for a radiation leak at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant in Carlsbad. And now the EPA has dumped 3 million gallons of toxic heavy-metal sludge into the Animas River. That's a lot of the wrong kind of love courtesy of Washington, D.C.

**10 — Texas could lead on Clean Power Plan (editorial), San Antonio Express-News, 8/11/2015**

<http://www.mysanantonio.com/opinion/editorials/article/Texas-could-lead-on-Clean-Power-Plan-6438264.php>

The Clean Power Plan puts coal directly in its sights, shifting energy production toward solar, wind and natural gas. Under that equation, coal-producing states do suffer economically. But guess which state is primed for success? Texas. That's right. The Lone Star State could thrive under these rules.

**11 — Water rule 'outreach' by EPA left much to be desired (editorial), The Oklahoman, 8/11/2015**

<http://newsok.com/water-rule-outreach-by-epa-left-much-to-be-desired/article/5439548>

MANY citizens think the deck is stacked against them when dealing with government regulators. The tactics of Environmental Protection Agency officials during the development of the new "Waters of the United States" rule show those critics have a point.

**12 — Estuary program is a boon for our region (editorial), Houma (LA) Today, 8/12/2015**

<http://www.houmatoday.com/article/20150812/OPINION/150819899/-1/entertainment04?p=1&tc=pg>

There aren't many places on the face of the Earth where the people and the surrounding estuaries are as integrally connected as they are in south Louisiana.

**13 — Court accuses EPA of 'filibustering' on pesticide safety, The Hill, 8/11/2015**

<http://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/250822-court-accuses-epa-of-filibustering-on-pesticide-safety>

A federal court scolded the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for continually delaying a formal response to a request that it restrict a pesticide's use.